

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-17 (Canceled)

Claim 18 (New)        A chromatography measuring device operable to perform chromatography measurement by qualitatively or quantitatively measuring a substance to be tested, which is applied to said chromatography measuring device, said chromatography measuring device comprising:

         a chromatographic test strip having a first end region on a chromatographic upstream side operable to receive an application of a sample and a second end region on a chromatographic downstream side with respect to permeation of the sample; and

         a liquid-impermeable sheet material adherently covering said chromatographic test strip, wherein said first end region has a top surface,

         wherein said second end region has a top surface, and

         wherein said liquid-impermeable sheet material does not cover said top surface of said first end region or said top surface of said second end region.

Claim 19 (New)        The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 18, wherein said liquid-impermeable sheet material adherently covers a top surface of said chromatographic test strip.

Claim 20 (New)        The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 18, wherein said liquid-impermeable sheet material adherently covers a top surface and side surfaces of said chromatographic test strip.

Claim 21 (New)        The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 18, wherein said liquid-impermeable material adherently covers a top surface, side surfaces, and a bottom surface of said chromatography test strip.

Claim 22 (New)        The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 18, further comprising:

a measurement region having a marker reagent holding part in which a marker reagent is held and a specific protein immobilization part operable to immobilize a specific protein.

wherein said marker reagent holding part is disposed downstream of said specific protein immobilization part with respect to permeation of the sample, and

wherein said liquid-impermeable sheet material adherently covers said measurement region.

Claim 23 (New)      The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 18, wherein said chromatographic test strip comprises a plurality of connected or laminated porous materials.

Claim 24 (New)      The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 18, wherein said chromatographic test strip comprises a single-layer porous material.

Claim 25 (New)      The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 24, wherein said single-layer porous material comprises nitrocellulose.

Claim 26      The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 18, further comprises:

a gas-permeable material,

wherein a portion of said second end region that is not covered by said liquid-impermeable sheet material is covered by said gas-permeable material.

Claim 27 (New)      The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 26, wherein said gas-permeable material comprises a porous thin-film material.

Claim 28 (New)      The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 27, wherein said porous thin-film material comprises a nonwoven fabric.

Claim 29 (New)      The chromatography measuring device as defined in Claim 26, wherein said gas-permeable material is retiform tissue.

Claim 30 (New)        The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 18, further comprising a space forming part operable to form a space on a portion of said second end region which is not covered by said liquid-impermeable sheet material.

Claim 31 (New)        The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 30, wherein the space includes a gap part provided at the end or on a parallel side of said second end region in the space forming part, or on the top surface of the space forming part, so as to enable air inflow.

Claim 32 (New)        The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 30, wherein said space forming part comprises a liquid-impermeable material.

Claim 33 (New)        The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 18, wherein said chromatographic test strip comprises an immunochromatography specimen employing an antigen-antibody reaction.

Claim 34 (New)        The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 18, wherein said chromatographic test strip comprises a dry analysis element.

Claim 35 (New)        The chromatography measuring device as defined claim 18, wherein said chromatography test strip comprises a one-step specimen.